

Faculty Meeting Minutes – Approved

Friday, December 2, 2005. Attending: E. Hong, D. McLane, L. Crum, I. Bichindaritz, M. Rosenfeld, G. Mobus, O. Baiocchi, A. Fry, D. Chinn, S. Chung, L. Lyon-Banks.

1. Announcements: Workshop Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) for scholarship support for the program, lights in the labs.
2. Approval of minutes:

11/4/05 minutes were approved unanimously with corrections (S. Chung motion, G. Mobus second)

3. New Business

A. **The faculty voted to renew the contracts for the full-time lecturers (D. McLane, M. Stepp, L. Lyon-Banks). The vote was 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent (J. Tenenberg, S. Hanks) (M. Rosenfeld motion, G. Mobus second).**

B. The faculty discussed Peter Horak's request to teach 4 courses for the Institute in the academic year 2006-07. Courses that he could teach are: TCSS 321, TCSS 322, and the Linear Algebra course for the new Computer Engineering and Systems program.

The discussion was that the courses he teaches should be as much as possible relevant for the student audiences who are taking these courses.

C. G. Mobus will work with C. Rials on graduate advising with the idea of separating a bit recruiting from advising.

D. **The faculty voted unanimously to approve the course proposal TCSS 590 Special Topics in Computing and Software Systems (S. Chung motion, D. Chinn second).**

E. The new student orientation will be Dec. 15, 5pm.

F. **The faculty voted unanimously to approve the new procedures for TCSS 497/499 as recommended by the undergraduate committee (M. Rosenfeld motion, G. Mobus second).**

G. The faculty discussed the course proposal TCSS 491, a 400-level capstone course: Capstone in Computational Worlds.

Two modifications to the proposal were made:

-- eliminate "Capstone in" in the title of the course, since the intention of that designation is to signify that it is for a capstone in a concentration in this area, which the program currently does not have.

-- to teach the course as a special topics course (TCSS 490) entitled "Special Topics in Computing and Software Systems: Computational Worlds".

The faculty unanimously approved the course proposal as amended (E. Hong motion, L. Crum second).

- H. Science Day will be in March or April. I. Bichindaritz and S. Chung volunteered to participate in the organization of the event.
- I. Chancellor Pat Spakes spoke with the faculty about the vacancy in the position of Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and the process for how the university will proceed to fill the vacancy. She solicited ideas for formulating a set of qualities that the university should seek in the new Vice Chancellor.

The current plan is for an interim Vice Chancellor to be appointed sometime in January 2006 and that a search for a permanent Vice Chancellor will begin in September 2006, with the position to be filled for academic year 2007-08.

- J. L. Crum informed the faculty of the suggestion to change the name of the new program to Computer Engineering and Systems (from Computer Systems Engineering).